

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 14, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman James F. Anderton.

Det. Nile McClintic submitted a letter of thanks for being permitted to attend the Police Juvenile Officer Training Program held at Michigan State University December 2 through 20, 1963.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Johnson, Anderton, Lanning, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn—7.

Absent: Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Smith was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Willard I. Bowerman, Jr. and Councilman S. Don Potter were present during the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Stragier presented a check from the Michigan National Bank in the amount of \$25.00 as a contribution to the Police Relief Association.

The check was received on behalf of the Police Relief Association.

Chief Stragier presented a request from Officer George Gaukel for permission to settle for the injuries he received while on duty November 15, 1963 when he was involved in a motorcycle accident.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I move we refer this request to the City Attorney.

Supported by Commissioner Shewell.

Carried.

City Physician Robert C. June, M.D. submitted prices for flu shots and combination cold and flu shots to the Board for members of the departments.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Stragier presented a recommendation from Captain Elwyn Groak that a meritorious service citation be awarded to Detective Stanley Burnett for the excellent performance and careful processing of crime scenes that led to the apprehension of Donald Garner of 212 Willard Street, Lansing.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I move that Detective Stanley Burnett be granted a meritorious service citation for his fine work that identified the wanted subject.

Supported by Commissioner Ames.

Carried.

Captain Victor Scavarda of the police department submitted a request to the Board for an extension of his retirement date beyond March 12, 1964 so that he would be eligible for any benefits that may be granted in the special spring election that will include amendments to the retirement system.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I recommend that we submit a recommendation to the City Council Personnel Committee that a codicil be attached to his retirement arrangements providing that any improvement granted to the Police Retirement system in the next twelve months would apply to Captain Scavarda, and that his retirement be effective March 12, 1964.

Supported by Commissioner Johnson.

Carried.

Chief Stragier presented a letter from Purchasing Director Lloyd Head to the City

Council regarding police uniform purchases that had been referred to the Police and Fire Board by the City Council.

He also submitted a letter of explanation that listed five separate orders for uniforms, and a directive from the Purchasing Director not to submit partially complete orders for payment. All uniform orders are issued to the Guy Woolfolk Uniform Company through a blanket purchase order.

In further explanation of ordering uniforms, Chief Stragier stated that measurements are taken by Mr. Frank Baker of the Guy Woolfolk Company, then the order is submitted to the Purchasing Director for approval, and then he submits the blanket order form to the company.

January 14, 1964

Honorable Members of the

Police and Fire Board

Gentlemen:

I would like to call your attention to the letter of Mr. Lloyd Head, City Purchasing Agent, under date of December 10, 1963, directed to the Mayor and Members of the City Council, concerning the purchase of police officers' uniforms. Mr. Head suggests that should the Council desire, his office will issue specifications for these uniforms, and request competitive bids be taken, in order to establish a single source for the next five year periods.

I should like to point out that the Guy Woolfolk Company has been supplying our uniforms, with certain specifications, for several years, and that because of these specifications and quality requirements, to say nothing of the matter of uniformity, it would not be feasible to submit these uniforms for open bids. It is also important to call to your attention that these uniforms can not be purchased locally, and that our local tailors have not chosen to submit bids in the past, after having been supplied our uniform specifications.

It is my sincere recommendation that we continue to purchase our uniforms from the Guy Woolfolk Company.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Forsythe—

I move we refer this recommendation to the City Council.

Supported by Commissioner Lanning.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

January 14, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Probationary firemen Robert Burghoff, Daniel Decker, Henry James, Henry Houghtaling, Thomas Merchant and James Wood have served the usual probationary period with the fire department.

Reports from their officers indicate their work is satisfactory, and they have taken the required examination for physical fitness.

I recommend their appointments to the fire department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEENOY,
Chief.

By Commissioner Ames—

I move their appointments to the fire department be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

January 14, 1964

Honorable Board of Police and

Fire Commissioners

Gentlemen:

On January 2, 1964 Patrolman Darrell DaFoe submitted his resignation from the Department, to become effective January 21, 1964.

It is my recommendation that this resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Shewell—

I move his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Keenoy informed the Board that two members were on sick leave; that the new cars were being delivered and being

placed in service; that members of the fire department are to attend a training program dealing with heating and ventilation. He also thanked the members of the Board for sending his wife flowers during her illness.

Chief Stragier reported that two members were on sick leave; that every officer attended the training program presented by Prosecutor Leo Farhat; and he discussed the purchase of motorcycles to replace the older ones in service with the Board and Councilman Potter.

Both chiefs were directed to include the expenses for one commissioner to attend the state chief conferences and national chief conferences in their budget requests.

The members of the Board were invited to attend the Personnel Committee of the City Council meeting January 21, 1964 at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers by Councilman Potter.

RESOLUTIONS

By Commissioner Johnson—

We recommend that the title of Inspector be changed to Assistant Chief and the title of Detective Captain be changed to Inspector in the police department.

Supported by Commissioner Lanning.

Carried.

Councilman S. Don Potter requested that both departments submit personnel cards listing sick leave, vacation and emergency leave time to the Personnel Department.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

B/C

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, February 5, 1964

Commissioners Present: Anderton, Ames, Dunn, Forsythe, Johnson, Lanning, She-well—7.

Commissioners Absent: Smith—1.

Others Present: City Attorney Reisig, Councilman Buhl, Attorney Dunnings.

A letter was received and read from L. E. Harrington, M.D. dated February 4, 1964, regarding the appearance of John Williams at the suspension hearing. It was read and placed on file.

A discussion was held regarding the

request of Mr. Dunnings that the hearing be tabled until a later date, within the ten day period, to a date agreed on by the counsel of Mr. Williams.

Upon a motion by Commissioner She-well, supported by Commissioner Lanning, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, 1964 at 10:00 A.M.

Carried: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

DAVID V. BUHL,
Acting Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 11, 1964

Commissioners Present: Ames, Forsythe, Smith, Shewell, Dunn, Lanning, Anderton —7.

Absent: Johnson—1.

Guests: City Attorney Donald Reisig; Personnel Director Daniel Bodwin; Councilman David Buhl; John Williams, Jr., Patrolman; Stuart Dunnings, Counsel for Williams.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Anderton. Stuart Dunnings filed with the Board a notice of Protest under Michigan Law.

Stuart Dunnings questioned the rules under which this hearing would be conducted. City Attorney Reisig and Personnel Director Bodwin answered under what rules this hearing would be held.

Stuart Dunnings then asked to be given the right to ask questions of Mr. Williams in order to establish some points on which to establish a basis of truth. Questions then followed, with answers by Mr. Williams and denial of fact by Mr. Lanning concerning himself.

Moved by Commissioner Ames, supported by Dunn that John Williams be dismissed.

Unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M. by unanimous vote.

DAVID V. BUHL,
Acting Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, February 11, 1964

The Board met in regular session, and was called to order by Chairman James F. Anderton.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Anderton, Smith, Dunn, Lanning, Shewell, and Forsythe—6.

Absent: Commissioners Ames and Johnson—2.

Commissioners Ames and Johnson were excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Prosecuting Attorney Leo Farhat, commending the members of the Police Department Detective Bureau for their investigation of the Michelle Moran Kidnapping case.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Mr. Harold Lillie, Director of the Safety Council of Greater Lansing recommending consideration be given to the use of sound and motion picture equipment for persons arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

Chief Stragier explained that because of the expensive equipment involved in an operation of this nature, he did not feel it feasible at this time.

Received and placed on file.

A request was received from the 9510th Air Force Reserve Recovery Squadron, presently located at Capital City Airport, that authorization be given the Lansing Fire Department in event of an emergency, to participate in aiding and assisting any aircraft forced to land at Capital City Airport because of damage and/or dispersal from other air bases.

Chief Keenoy explained that the Fire Department is required to service the Capital City Airport, and that on two or three previous occasions members of his department had assisted the Recovery Squadron in emergencies that had arisen at the airport.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I move that authorization be granted.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

Chief Stragier presented a request from Captain Elwyn Groak that Detective Stanley Burnett be permitted to attend the Advanced Latent Fingerprint School, sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

By Commissioner Forsythe—

I move that Detective Burnett be allowed to attend the Fingerprint School.

Supported by Commissioner Shewell.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that in observance of National Police Week, which is this week; several officers are giving talks on law enforcement in the elementary schools of the city, and that each of these schools will be contacted during the week.

Chief Stragier also advised that an In-Service Training School, the first of its kind in three years is presently in session; and that the department is fortunate in having many outstanding speakers—Judges, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, members of the Prosecuting Attorney's staff—who will be participating in the school.

He reported there are the usual number of officers on sick leave; however, that Officer Paul Waters has returned to limited duty. Officer Gene White is confined in the

hospital because of a back injury, and is progressing satisfactorily.

Chief Keenoy reported that for the first time in ninety days, he has no one on sick leave.

He advised members the Fire Department has received the hose recently bought by the Purchasing Department, and that it has been placed in service at the No. 6 Fire Station.

RESOLUTION

By Commissioner Lanning—

I would like to make the resolution that the Board grant an extension of the retirement date of Captain Victor Scavarda from March 12 to May 15, 1964.

Supported by Commissioner Shewell.

Carried.

Chief Stragier informed the members of the Board that 24 police officers are currently enrolled at Lansing Community College, and that four other officers are attending Michigan State University.

Inspector O'Tools reported that plans are now being formulated for an in-service training school to be conducted by our own men, to be made available on a voluntary basis for all those officers desiring to attend which will revolve around the personnel exams and corporal tests; particularly for those who have either failed previous examinations or those who will be eligible for writing the tests in the future.

The meeting was adjourned.

Yvonne Brown,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 21, 1964

Lansing, Michigan
Retirement Board Room
8th Floor, City Hall
1:00 O'Clock P.M.

The Board of Trustees met in special session and was called to order by Chairman Jack Cushman.

Present: Trustees Cushman, Dunn, Graves, Jackson, Keast, Ryan—6.

Absent — Trustees Bowerman, Dean, Seelye—3.

Present: Gerald J. Lonergan, Secretary; Dr. Robert C. June, Medical Director; Percy G. LaLonde, Duty Disability Pensioner.

Meeting was called by Chairman Jack Cushman to meet with Dr. June regarding the request of Mr. LaLonde to be returned to active duty instead of changing over to Service Retirement at age 55 effective February 22, 1964.

The following report was received from the Medical Director, Dr. Robert C. June:

February 20, 1964

Mr. Gerald Lonergan
Police and Firemen Retirement Board
Lansing, Michigan

Re: Percy G. LaLonde
Age 54

Dear Mr. Lonergan:

Mr. LaLonde was seen in my office on February 20, 1964 at your request for report to the Police and Firemen's Retirement Board. He gives a history of having had a heart attack in October 1960.

Physical examination at this time reveals a well developed, well nourished white male whose height is six feet and his weight is 258½ pounds. His pulse rate was 81 at rest, a 112 after exercise and had returned to 81 two minutes after exercise. The initial blood pressure was

160/92, a repeat blood pressure five minutes later was 160/96. There was more dyspnea than would be expected with this amount of exercise. Examination of the heart did not reveal any enlargement, there was however, grade one systolic murmur at the point of maximum tensity that disappears with breath holding. An electrocardiogram was done at this time and this merely reaffirms the findings as stated in the previous letters. There is no evidence of new injury. I reviewed the letters of the attending physician at the time of his original illness in 1960 and quote as follows:

Dr. Nakfoor stated on December 15, 1960 as far as his future work was concerned, he felt that Mr. LaLonde definitely should not return to active status with the fire fighting unit. He stated that he felt he could do sedentary work if it does not involve emotional tension. Dr. Nakfoor has in essence repeated this same statement in a letter February 14, 1964. He further presented a letter from a doctor John T. O'Connor in which Dr. O'Connor stated, "It is my opinion Mr. LaLonde is quite capable of employment." After careful consideration of this man's problems, his physical condition and noting especially the marked increase in weight that he has taken on and realizing the effect that this weight problem will have on his heart, I would make the following recommendations: Mr. LaLonde in so far as my evaluation is concerned capable of sedentary work to which there is no great amount of tension or stress attached. Whether or not this type of work exists in the Fire Department I do not know. If such a position is available for him I would agree and recommend he could return to work provided that he take off 50 pounds of weight and that he agreed to keep his weight down to 200 pounds.

It also would have to be firmly established ahead of time that a definite duty assignment would be made and reviewed by the medical director and that no duty assignment would be changed without prior approval by the medical director.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. JUNE, M.D.

Also the following report was received from Eugene C. Nakfoor, M.D.

February 14, 1964

To Whom It May Concern:

Percy LaLonde as you know, was hospitalized from October 13, 1960 to October 31, 1960 with a diagnosis of acute coronary occlusion. He made a complete and uncomplicated recovery. He did experience anginal pain for several months, but he has not had a pain for the past six months.

I feel that he is able to return to work, if the work does not involve a great deal of emotional or physical strain.

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE C. NAKFOOR, M.D.

The following action was taken by the Board of Trustees:

By Trustee Ryan:

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Policemens and Firemens Retirement System that Mr. LaLonde's request to be returned to active duty be denied in view of the report of the Medical Director and the absence of any sedentary positions within the department.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yea: Cushman, Dunn, Graves, Jackson, Keast, Ryan—6.

Nay: None.

The Board adjourned.

GERALD J. LONERGAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, February 24, 1964

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderton.

Commissioner Don F. Johnson was appointed acting secretary.

Present were: Commissioner Anderton, Dunn, Shewell, Lanning, Smith, Johnson—6.

Also present: Dunnings, Reisig, Stragier.

Absent: None.

Motion by Commissioner Shewell:

That the action by the Men and Discipline Committee of February 1, 1964 and the action of this Board on February 11, 1964 in suspending, removing and dismissing officer John Williams from duty with the Lansing Police Department be set aside and rescinded and that said John Williams be reinstated as an officer of the Lansing Police Department.

Motion was supported by Commissioner Lanning.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Dunn, Anderton, Johnson, Smith, Lanning, Shewell—6.

Nay: None.

Motion by Commissioner Dunn:

That the resignation of John Williams from the Lansing Police Department, as tendered this date, be accepted effective February 1, 1964.

Motion was supported by Commissioner Smith.

Roll call vote:

Yea: Dunn, Anderton, Johnson, Smith, Lanning, Shewell—6.

Nay: None.

There being no further business the special meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

DON F. JOHNSON,
Acting secretary,
Police and Fire Board.

Approved:

JAMES ANDERTON, Chairman,
Police and Fire Board.

B/P

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 10, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman James F. Anderton.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Johnson, Anderton, Lanning, Shewell, Forsythe and Dunn—7.

Absent: Commissioner Smith—1.

Commissioner Smith was excused from the meeting.

Mayor Willard I. Bowerman Jr. was present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received a letter from N. D. Henderson, Secretary of the Ingham County Medical Society, relative to the use of sound and motion pictures in dealing with persons driving under the influence of alcohol.

Received and place on file.

Chief Stragier presented a request from Richard Hinman for permission to negotiate a settlement with Auto Owners Insurance Company regarding an accident that occurred while he was on duty November 12, 1962.

By Commissioner Ames—

I move we refer this request to the City Attorney.

Supported by Commissioner Lanning.

Carried.

Chief Stragier presented a request from Police Matron Jennie Peterson for a three weeks leave of absence from March 22 until April 15, 1964 due to illness.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I move we approve the request for a leave of absence.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

March 10, 1964

Members of the Police and Fire Board

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a request from Mayor Willard Bowerman, we directed letters to numerous cities to determine whether they employ meter maids; and if so, requested any comments they might wish to make as to their effectiveness.

We received seven (7) letters in reply. The pros and cons as to their usefulness were about evenly divided. Those cities having the longest experience with a meter maid program; namely Waco, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana are in the process of eliminating them completely. Waco has only two remaining, and New Orleans with an original complement of 34 is down to 14 (they state that by fall they will no longer have any). Lawton, Oklahoma, has had this program since 1958, and are completely dissatisfied. They state there is a high rate of absenteeism, and they do not work during inclement weather.

Saginaw and Flint, Michigan, have only just started their programs, and stated they could not give us an evaluation at this time. Saginaw is the only city whose program uses motorized equipment and it consists of Willys Jeeps. In many cities, the meter maid program is not under the supervision of the Police Department.

However, authorities in Jackson, Michigan report they are satisfied with their meter maid program.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

A discussion was held regarding the feasibility of a meter maid program in Lansing. Chief Stragier stated that he needed officers on the main avenues of downtown Lansing, so meter maids could not replace officers in this area. A further study, with the probability of placing the meter maid program under the supervision of another city department, such as the City Treasurer was recommended by Commissioner Johnson.

Referred to Chief Stragier and the Men and Discipline Committee.

The Board received a notification from City Attorney Donald Reisig that a check from the Badger Mutual Insurance Company for \$1,176.15 for reimbursement of Workmens Compensation for Officer James Conklin had been submitted to Controller Gerald Lonergan March 3, 1964.

Received and placed on file.

the educational program they are sponsoring in the schools during National Police Week and expressed its appreciation for the dedicated service these dedicated men and women render to the citizens of this city.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Keenoy presented a letter from Commissioner A. E. Vallier of Plymouth, Michigan requesting consideration for the purchase of the 1941 Seagrave 65 ft. aerial ladder truck to the City of Plymouth for \$7,500.00.

By Commissioner Shewell—

I move we refer this request to the Apparatus Committee and Chief Keenoy, and their recommendations be returned to the Board.

Supported by Commissioner Lanning.

Carried.

March 10, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The following officers have satisfactorily completed the required period of probation, and it is my recommendation that they be confirmed as Patrolmen of the Lansing Police Department:

Larry Allen
Ray Carter, Jr.
Donald Dufour
David J. Fink
Chas. Finn
Toney Fowler
Thomas Gallie
Garry Hawley
Donald Hines
William Holmes

Arnold Kegebein
James Law
Jon Miller
William Morris
Gary Munson
Gerald Picken
Douglas Pollard
Frederick Roush
Wesley Weigman
Gordon Wilson

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Ames—

I move that their appointments be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

Chief Stragier presented a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at the February 13, 1964 meeting in recognition of National Police Week. The Board of Education commended the members of the Lansing Police Department for

The Lansing City Council referred a letter from Gary Thomas, President of the Lansing Fire Fighters Local 421, to the Board, requesting the Council and Board to conduct a feasibility study for a 40 hour work week for firemen.

A discussion was held by members of the Board relative to the 40 hour work week and "moonlighting" by firemen under the present work hours. Chief Keenoy stated that he did not advocate the 40 hour week, and that he had not received complaints from any of the unions regarding infringement by firemen. He took exception to the statement in the letter that the 40 hour week would provide better fire protection to the city, and stated that the command officers with years of fire fighting experience were far better qualified to evaluate fire protection than a member with a limited amount of service. Chief Keenoy stated that the three platoon system originally placed in effect by the Board was the most efficient system in effect in the department since the granting of "kelly" days.

Commissioner Dunn presented the following request to the Board.

Since the Lansing Firemen recently requested through the Lansing Fire Fighters Association a 40 hours work week to the City Council, I have been trying to search out some solutions which would be beneficial and fair to both the Lansing Taxpayers and the Lansing Firemen. Therefore, I would like to have some answers to these questions for evaluation purposes:

1. Is the 40 hours work week to be completed in one 40 hours of continuous duty?

2. Is the 40 hours work week to be 24 hours during one work day plus the balance of the 16 hours at another day during the week?
3. Is the 40 hours work week to be 8 hours each day, 5 days a week?
4. Is this 40 hours work week practical and will it keep up the efficiency of our fire protection?
5. Is this reduction from the present 56 hours work week to a 40 hours work week in reality an increase in the Firemens wages?
6. Should we reduce the Firemens' pay since the request is for a 40 hours work week from the present 56 hours work week?
7. How many new men will we need for a change from our present 56 hours work week to a 40 hours work week?
8. How much additional money will it cost the Lansing Taxpayers for this 40 hours work week?

I would like these questions evaluated by the City Controller with the Personnel Department and Fire Chief Keenoy and return to the Board with recommendations and the cost of this 40 hours work week by the April 1964 monthly meeting.

By Commissioner Ames—

I move we approve the request as presented by Commissioner Dunn.

Supported by Commissioner Lanning.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that two members of his department were off duty due to illness, and that all officers had completed a one week training course. He requested a Men and Discipline Committee meeting March 18th to review applicants and recommend promotions.

Chief Keenoy reported that three members were on sick leave, and two automobiles were involved in minor accidents. Two members of the department attended the Arson Seminar at Ann Arbor, Michigan and commended the members of the department for the fine fire fighting jobs at two large fires recently.

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb reported that two stations used as shelters had been stockpiled.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 21, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman James F. Anderton.

the speech on safety given by Insp. Phil Albers.

Received and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Johnson, Anderton, Lanning, Shewell, Smith, and Dunn—7.

Absent: Commissioner Forsythe—1.

Commissioner Forsythe was excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

A communication from Idus Burgess, Master Mechanic was received concerning the course of instruction given on care and use of fire apparatus.

Received and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Oldsmobile Division, G.M.C., requesting permission that their Plant Protection Pistol Teams be allowed to use the City Pistol Range.

By Commissioner Smith—

I move that this request be granted. Supported by Commissioner Ames.

Carried.

Letters of appreciation were received from Edw. W. Sparrow Hospital and St. Lawrence Hospital for courses of instruction given by Insp. Albers and Capt. Barratt on Fire Safety.

Received and placed on file.

A request was received from Fireman Harry Rees that money be allocated, if available, for equipment and entry fees for Fire Dept. Softball team.

By Comm. Johnson—

I move that this request be granted. Supported by Comm. Smith.

Carried.

Letters were received from James A. Holecomb, Director of Civil Defense in appreciation for assistance extended by both Police and Fire Departments during Sabin Oral Sunday.

Received and placed on file.

A letter of inquiry was received from the Forest View Citizens' Committee regarding future location of a new fire station to be erected on the southeast side of the city.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Insp. Phillip Alber, concerning the lecture given by Dr. Omero S. Iung, M.D., on Treatment of Burns.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Personnel Director, D. J. Bodwin relative to feasibility of a 40 hr. work week for fire department personnel, and merger of the police and fire departments.

A letter of appreciation was received from the Reciprocal Electrical Council for

A letter was received from Gerald Longan, Controller, relative to the 40 hr.

work week for Fire Department personnel, and possible "integration" of police and fire personnel.

Communications were received from Chief M. J. Keenoy, relative to a 40 hr. work week; from Fire Dept. Command Officers, another from Chief Deputy Jos. Burtraw; and Harold E. Lynch, President of the Lansing Fire Dept. Officers Association stating their opposition to the forty hour work week request.

By Comm. Ames—

I move that copies of these letters be sent to each councilman, and to the Mayor, and I move that the matter be referred to the proper committee. Supported by Comm. Dunn.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

April 17, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find the resignation of Ptlm. Edw. W. Martin, Jr., to become effective May 15, 1964. It is my recommendation that this resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Comm. Lanning—

I move that the resignation be accepted. Supported by Comm. Shewell.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

March 18, 1964

Police and Fire Board

City of Lansing

Michigan

Gentlemen:

At a meeting held March 18, 1964, your Men and Discipline Committee appointed the following police applicants as probationary patrolmen; subsequent to their satisfactorily passing a physical examination: Duane James Gordon, James Nelson German, Jr.; Robert Thos. Krumbach; Robt. David Mendel; Roger Elwin Mere-

dith; and Edward Benjamin Morris.

These appointments to become effective April 6, 1964.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Signed:

JOHN A. AMES, Chairman,
H. V. SHEWELL, Comm.,
J. K. DUNN, Comm.

By Comm. Ames—

I move that the Committee Report be adopted. Supported by Comm. Lanning.

Carried.

April 17, 1964

Police and Fire Board

City of Lansing

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

It is the recommendation of your Men and Discipline Committee that the following promotions be made, effective March 23, 1964, with salaries retroactive to March 23, 1964: Lieut. Donald Jackson to the rank of Uniform Captain; Sgt. Paul Beach to the rank of Uniform Lieutenant; Corporal Clarion Croy to the rank of Uniform Sergeant; and Patrolman Homer Phelps to the rank of Corporal.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE,

Signed:

JOHN A. AMES, Chairman,
H. V. SHEWELL, Comm.
J. K. DUNN, Comm.
(Acting in absence of Comm. Forsythe).

By Comm. Ames—

I move that the committee report be adopted. Supported by Comm. Lanning.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that Sgt. Pat Long is convalescing after having surgery and that he will be returning back to work soon; that Ptlmn. Mathias Spitzley is off duty due to a non-duty back injury, and that Off. Chas. White has returned to duty on a limited basis. He also advised that the new recruits are presently in their 3rd week of school.

He also reported that 59 men enrolled in the off-duty training school dealing pri-

marily with the corporal promotional examinations; and that 42 finished the 5 week (20 hr.) instruction. He advised that each officer upon final examination, had improved considerably upon completion of the training.

Deputy Chief Robt. Simmons reported that absenteeism due to illness had been very slight during the past month.

RESOLUTIONS

By Commissioner Shewell—

WHEREAS, Lansing Municipal Government is composed of various boards and commissions whose membership comprises scores of Lansing citizens serving without pay; and

WHEREAS, these citizens as intended by the Lansing City Charter serve as governing policy boards over respective departments of City Government; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that these citizen boards continue to maintain control over Municipal Government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Police and Fire Board of Lansing go on record as being unilaterally opposed to suggested changes in the City Charter as outlined in Proposals No. 4 and No. 5.

It is our reasoning that Proposal No. 5, which would place the Police and Fire Departments under separate boards (they are presently under one) is wholly unnecessary and could seriously affect the efficiency of the City's two outstanding and vital emergency services.

This Board also fears that Proposal No. 4, which aims at establishing a Career Personnel Merit System (Civil Service System) for Municipal Government, will strip this and other City Boards and Commissions of their present authority under the City Charter to set policy to hire, fire, promote, demote, suspend, and regulate employees under their jurisdiction and place this authority under a single and possibly politically influenced Commission.

The Lansing City Charter created the Police and Fire Board and other citizen dominated boards with the intended and specific purpose to: (a) serve as the direct, non-political representative of the people and tax payers; and, (b) conduct City Departments under their jurisdiction as economically and efficiently as possible without regard for political implications or influences, and to carry on continuity of Municipal Government regardless of shifting turnovers in the elective political branches of Lansing Government.

We, therefore, urge the citizens of Lan-

sing to vote No against Proposals No. 4 and No. 5.

Supported by Comm. Smith.

Carried.

By Comm. Lanning—

Be it resolved that the members of the Police and Fire Board, extend its sincere, deepest sympathy to Chief Marchus Keenoy in the loss of his father.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

Carried.

Chairman Anderton requested that the following be read:

By Commissioner Anderton—

We who recognize the need for consistency throughout all of the police profession in the adherence to high professional standards, especially in police leadership, are confounded when an appointive authority, holding office through political fortune, can name individuals of incompetence or otherwise of undeserving character to police leadership.

The problem of separation of police efficiency and progress from the unhappy effects of political whim must be universally overcome before it can be assumed that professional standards in police service are permanently established. Any achievement toward a better status which we may see accomplished now or in the future must carry the guarantee that political affiliation shall never enter into any Police Department so as to bring the ultimate fall from the professional quality.

The effects of political invasion upon the police province are many and disastrous. Too many police chiefs have had to witness the deterioration of discipline within the ranks, inspired by the inefficiency of officers politically appointed.

Let me make one point clear: I believe in politics and the political system we have in our country, and I believe in the value of a competitive party system. That is part of the great basis of successful government—free assembly, free discussion, free voting, and government by consent and with the active help of the governed. But, in certain fields of government, the men who carry out the duties must be free of partisan politics and political pressures, which are certain to be governed largely by the intense and natural desire of political leaders to profit by the last triumph and to win the next election. Police work is a career, and from the Chief of Police to the lowest recruit on the beat, the work must

be free of political pressure aimed at any party benefit. The policeman of today is a professional man, and will devote his life to this career. If he is to render to this community the services that are expected of him, he must be free of all political encumbrances.

Police service will always be less than its greatest potential so long as the heavy millstone of political intrusion is permitted to weigh down law enforcement progress.

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At this time Commissioner Dunn reported that he had received information from Motorola, Inc. as to the cost estimate of changing our present communications system over to micro-wave system, similar to that presently used by the Michigan State Police, and other departments throughout the state. This change-over was projected in the Capitol Improvement Plan, submitted to the Planning Commission last year.

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Commissioner Dunn at this time presented

the State Flag to Chairman Anderton on behalf of Mr. Lawrence J. LaLone, Executive Secretary, of the State Veterans Trust Fund—Board of Trustees.

Chairman Anderton expressed the sincere appreciation of the board members in accepting this gift.

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Mr. Gary Thomas, President of the Lansing Fire Fighters Local 421, was invited to address the Board if he so desired. He expressed his disappointment in the department's command officers' opposition to the 40 hr. work week, and stated the board is the group who originally suggested the 40 hour week. He further stated that the Lansing Fire Fighters Local 421 intention is to continue to request that a feasibility study be conducted for a 40 hour work week for firemen.

The meeting was adjourned.

YVONNE BROWN,
Secretary of the Board.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 20, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman James F. Anderton.

to provide firemen and apparatus for the newly annexed areas was considered read.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Anderton, Smith, Lanning, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn —7.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson—1.

Commissioner Johnson was excused from the meeting.

Councilman S. Don Potter was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters from Daniel T. Delegato, President of the Michigan State Fire Fighters Association and Robert E. Tighe, 8th District Vice President of the International Association of Fire Fighters submitted in protest to the integrating of the police and fire departments and approving the feasibility study for a 40 hour work week for firemen were read to the Board.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Stragier presented a request from Herbert E. Kipke, Recreation Director, that Lieutenant Herbert McCort be assigned to the playground staff as Safety Director.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I recommend the request be granted.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

A request for \$109,430.00 from the 1964-1965 Budget Supplement that had been presented to the Mayor and City Council

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

May 19, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Captain Raymond Meredith has notified me that he has made application to retire from the fire department effective May 24, 1964.

Captain Meredith joined the department September 1, 1943 and was promoted to the rank of captain November 1, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KENNOY,
Chief.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

May 19, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We recommend the following transfer in the fire department budget be submitted to the City Council for their approval:

\$1,000.00 from 1-B-7 Fire Fighting Maintenance to 1-B-15 Medical and Hospital bills.

This transfer is necessary to provide funds for payment of department bills for the balance of the budget year.

Ways and Means Committee,
HOWARD V. SHEWELL,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
WARD E. LANNING.

By Commissioner Dunn--

I move the committee report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

The Board's representative voting against granting Capt. Scavarda a retirement extension.

Failure to enforce the animal control ordinance.

Failure of the Board to recognize the purchasing ordinance.

Opposition to the career merit proposal.

Failure to consult with the City Council on matters of policy.

Not providing the necessary leadership.

Councilman Potter stated he was deeply interested in the Police and Fire Board, and suggested that these issues should be solved to preserve the Board system in Lansing.

Chief Stragier reported that one member of his department was on sick leave, and that the Michigan State Police Chief's Conference would be held at Kalamazoo June 28-30.

Chief Keenoy Reported that two members of his department were on sick leave.

Major Lawrence LaLonde, Secretary of the Veteran's Trust Fund, presented a State of Michigan flag for display in the Boardroom to Chairman James F. Anderton and Chief Keenoy.

Councilman S. Don Potter addressed the Board, criticizing some of their policies and requesting close conformity with City Council policy. He presented six issues, and a discussion was held on each of them:

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb reported that Lansing's first tornado warning system had been in effect during the recent storms, and had proved to be very effective and efficient.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 9, 1964

The Board met in regular session, and was called to order by Chairman James F. Anderton.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Anderton, Johnson, Lanning, Shewell, Forsythe and Dunn—7.

Absent: Commissioner Smith—1.

Commissioner Smith was excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of appreciation was received from Civil Defense Director, James Holcomb for assistance granted by the Police and Fire Departments during the Youth Day Parade.

Received and placed on file.

A letter was received from Lt. Frank Simmons requesting permission to attend the International Association for Identification Officers at Minneapolis, Minn., July 19-23, inc.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I recommend this request be granted.

Supported by Comm. Shewell.

Carried.

A communication was received from Ptlm. Gene White, requesting permission to sue for injuries he incurred while on duty, when involved in an auto accident.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I move that this matter be referred to the City Attorney.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

May 28, 1964

Mr. M. J. Keenoy, Chief

Lansing Fire Department

Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I wish to advise you that I have made application to retire on pension from the Fire Department, effective July 4, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Signed:

HAROLD M. WASHBURN,
Captain, No. 5 Station.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I recommend this application be accepted.

Supported by Comm. Shewell.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

June 9, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Chief Keenoy and Master Mechanic Burgess have submitted specifications for a new 100 ft. aerial ladder truck to this committee and the Purchasing Director.

Funds have been granted in the 1964-65 Fire Department Budget for the purchase of this apparatus.

We recommend that this aerial ladder be ordered as soon as possible.

Apparatus Committee,

WARD E. LANNING,
JOHN A. AMES,
JACK K. DUNN.

By Commissioner Ames—

Mr. Chairman, I move that election of officers be held at this meeting, to become effective July 1, 1964.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Anderton declared the meeting open for nominations for Chairman of the Board, to become effective July 1, 1964, for the Year, 1964-65.

By Commissioner Forsythe—

I nominate Vice-Chairman Howard Shewell for Chairman of the Board for 1964-65.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I move we cast a unanimous ballot for Comm. Shewell.

Carried.

Chairman Anderton declared Comm. Howard Shewell, Chairman of the Board for 1964-65, to become effective July 1, 1964.

By Commissioner Ames—

I nominate Comm. Forsythe as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 1964-65.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

By Commissioner Lanning—

I move that the nominations be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Comm. Forsythe.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported one officer off duty due to a duty-incurred injury, and that he is presently hospitalized.

He also stated that a revised budget request for personnel and equipment needed for the Sheridan Road and Maple Grove areas had been submitted to the Mayor and members of the Council.

Bids were received approximately three weeks ago for the gymnasium on the 4th floor; however, they were referred to the Public Safety Committee of the Council, and to date have not come out of committee. He further pointed out that the money is available for the gym in the current budget, that ends June 30, 1964.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I move that a letter be directed to the Council, requesting that the funds necessary be released so that the gym can be started as soon as possible.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

Carried.

Chief Keenoy reported that he has three men on sick leave; one of whom is expected to return to duty tomorrow; however, the other men will be off duty at least another thirty days.

He stated that several parcels of land had been inspected in the southeast section of the city in regard to a new station to be erected in that area this coming year.

Chief Keenoy requested permission to attend the State Convention of Fire Chiefs to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 12, 1964.

Permission granted.

Chief Stragier also requested permission to attend the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police to be held June 28, 1964, at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Permission granted.

At this time Chairman Anderton presented Comm. Ward Lanning a meritorious service citation. Both Comm. Lanning and Comm. Leo Smith were awarded these citations for their outstanding service to the citizens of this community during their tenure in office.

Mr. Fred Stuckenbergs presented Chief Marcus Keenoy the Fire Safety Award plaque on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for the City of Lansing having won national recognition among cities of its class in the 1963 National Inter-Chamber Fire Safety Contest for distinguished service in fire prevention.

Commissioner Johnson stated that he wanted to go on record as being opposed to the action of the Council Committee in holding up the purchase of four new motorcycles. Further, that in his opinion, automobiles can not do as effective traffic enforcement as motorcycles. A general discussion followed relative to the advantages of utilizing motorcycles for traffic enforcement.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

YVONNE BROWN,
Secretary of the Board.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 21, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Howard V. Shewell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Maloney, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn, Schmidt —6.

Absent: Commissioners Ames, Anderton —2.

Commissioners Ames and Anderton were excused from the meeting.

Mayor Willard I. Bowerman, Jr. was present at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Newly appointed commissioners J. M. Maloney and A. F. Schmidt, Jr. were welcomed by Chairman Shewell.

Commissioner Dunn introduced Jay Meyers and Glen Manz of the City Planning Board. They presented charts and maps to indicate sections where new fire stations should be located.

By Commissioner Dunn—

I recommend that a Building and Site Committee be appointed.

Supported by Commissioner Johnson.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Stragier presented a request from Radio Engineer Stanley Steigman to attend the Associated Police Communication Officers conference at Norfolk, Virginia August 5-8, 1964.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I recommend the request be granted.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

Chief Keenoy presented a letter of appreciation from Berniece C. Hill, Acting Postmaster, for information submitted to the Post Office regarding the emergency resuscitation administered to an infant by Herbert L. Runge, a substitute City Carrier.

Received and placed on file.

S. Sprigg Jacob, M.D., Chairman of the Public Health Committee of the Ingham County Medical Society submitted a letter of thanks for the assistance of the police department during the SOS Sabin Oral polio program.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Stragier submitted a list of officers attending the Lansing Community College Short Course in Police Administration. The twenty-one officers are attending the classes on their off duty time, and Chief Stragier requested the Board to consider reimbursing the officers for their tuition expense.

By Commissioner Dunn—

I recommend that a request for reimbursement of tuition for the Short Course in Police Administration for those members that have completed the full two years be submitted to the City Council.

Supported by Commissioner Johnson.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

July 21, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is a letter of resignation from Mrs. Carl Degener, Matron, to become effective September 1, 1964. It is my

recommendation that this resignation be accepted.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Dunn—

I move this resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Schmidt.

Carried.

July 14, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Firemen Gary Carrick, Kenneth Carter and Martin Lemons have completed the required probationary period with the fire department. Reports from their commanding officers indicate they have progressed satisfactorily, and they have passed their required physical examinations.

I recommend that their appointments to the fire department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Keenoy, Chief.

By Commissioner Forsythe—

I recommend their appointments be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Johnson.

Carried.

June 22, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Men and Discipline Committee interviewed the following applicants for the fire department:

William Wilkins, Kenneth Brandis, David Childs, Ronald Freeman, Lawrence Pung and Robert Kelly.

We recommend that they be appointed to the fire department, effective July 5, 1964 after passing their physical examinations.

Men and Discipline Committee,

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
HOWARD V. SHEWELL,
JACK K. DUNN.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I recommend the committee report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Maloney.

Carried.

June 29, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Men and Discipline Committee recommends the following promotion, effective July 5, 1964, to fill a new position in the fire department.

Deputy Chief Victor Space to Senior Deputy Chief.

Men and Discipline Committee,

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JACK K. DUNN,
HOWARD V. SHEWELL.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I move the committee report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

June 29, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Men and Discipline Committee conducted a meeting with the command officers of the fire department regarding promotions to fill vacancies that exist in the department. We recommend the following promotions, effective July 5, 1964:

Captain Clarence Zimmerman to Deputy Chief.

Captain Carl Barratt to Deputy Instructor.

Lieutenants Walter Goodz, Howard Berg, Raymond Bullock and George Hinman to Captain.

Engineers Richard Grant, Harold Cummings, Peter Decker, Glen Orler, William Meaton, Spencer Martin, Arthur Clauwaert, Clifton Cleverger and Thomas Decker to Lieutenant.

Firemen Richard Miller, Raymond Miller, John Panetta, Robert Moon, Charles Henley, Henry Loszewski, Wayne Fine-

out, John Dean and Donald Fairchild to Engineer.

Inspectors Dick Smalley and Leonard Labioda to Inspector IV.

Men and Discipline Committee,

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JACK K. DUNN,
HOWARD V. SHEWELL.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I recommend the committee report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

July 2, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The attached report submitted to Chief Keenoy by Senior Deputy Chief Victor Space and Deputy Chief Donald Burnett recommends the following changes in status in the fire department:

Lieutenant Basil Michels to Fireman, for violation of Articles 1, 4 and 25 of Section 190 of the Department Rules and Regulations.

Lieutenant Floyd Alden to Fireman, for violation of Article 4 of Section 190 of the Department Rules and Regulations.

Chief Keenoy concurs with these recommendations.

We recommend these changes of status

in the fire department, effective July 5, 1964.

Men and Discipline Committee,

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
HOWARD V. SHEWELL.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I recommend that the committee report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that six members of his department were off duty due to sickness or injury, and that thirteen new members and one replacement would be appointed to the department very shortly.

Chief Keenoy reported that none of his members were on sick leave; that bids for the construction of a new aerial ladder truck had been advertised; the Michigan State Fire Chief's Conference would be held in Lansing in July of 1965 and that two members from the Fire Fighting Division would be selected to transfer to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Chairman Shewell announced the appointment of Commissioner Johnson as "liaison member" of the Board between the City Council, Mayor and Board to facilitate better communications.

Gary Thomas, President of Local 421 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, presented the members of the Board with information relative to integration of police and fire departments.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 11, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Howard V. Shewell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Johnson, Anderton, Maloney, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn, and Schmidt—8.

Absent: None.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

On behalf of the members of the City Council, and of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, Chairman Shewell at this time presented a gold watch to Robert Foster, City Fire Marshall, who has recently completed 35 years service with the Lansing Fire Department.

The members of the Board as well as Chief Stragier and Sr. Deputy Space extended their sincere congratulations to Mr. Foster for his many years of service to the City of Lansing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

July 27, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Chief M. J. Keenoy and the command officers of the Fire Department recommend the following promotions to fill vacancies that exist in the Fire Department:

Engineers Richard Patterson and James Largent to Lieutenant.

Engineer Walter Keast and Fireman Gordon Adsit to Inspector II.

Firemen Irving Radee, Harrison Rees, and Douglas Gregg to Engineer.

We concur with these recommendations, and recommend they become effective August 16, 1964.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE.

Signed: James F. Anderton,
DONALD JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES.

By Commissioner Ames—

I move that the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Johnson.

Carried—Unanimously.

Chief Stragier presented a letter from the International Association of Chiefs of Police Association congratulating the department for having received the IACP Certificate of Achievement Award for Traffic Supervision.

Received and placed on file.

Radio Engineer Stanley Steigman submitted a letter thanking the Board for the opportunity of attending the American Police Communication Officers Association Convention recently held in Norfolk, Virginia.

Received and placed on file.

Chairman Shewell announced that he wished to make a matter of record, the appointment of Commissioner Jack Dunn as Chairman of the Building and Sites Committee for the new fire station, and Comms. Donald Johnson and Albert Schmidt, Jr., as members.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that three members of the Police Department are presently off duty due to illness or duty injuries. Also that he had requested the members of the Men and Discipline Committee meet Aug. 11 to interview prospective applicants to fill 14 existing vacancies.

Senior Deputy Space reported that at the present time, there are no members of the Fire Department off duty due to illness or duty injuries. He commented on the conditions existent at the Logan Shopping Center, causing a roof to cave in at the Nobil Family Shoe Center today, and of the immediate evacuation of other stores in the immediate area. He then asked Fire Marshall Foster to comment on the results of his investigation of these buildings, which he did.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

YVONNE BROWN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, September 8, 1964

September 8, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Howard V. Shewell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Maloney, Shewell, Dunn, Schmidt—5.

Absent: Commissioners Anderton, Johnson, Forsythe—3.

The three absent commissioners were excused from the meeting by Chairman Shewell.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gary Thomas, president of the Lansing Fire Fighters Local No. 421, submitted a request for a meeting with the Board to discuss matters of mutual concern.

Chairman Shewell requested that an agenda of matters to be discussed be submitted to the Board; and the Board would then advise him of the time and place for the meeting.

Det Lieut. Lawrence W. Murphy submitted a request to the Board for permission to attend the FBI National Academy at Haven Hill Lodge, Milford, Michigan, September 21, 22, and 23, 1964.

By Commissioner Dunn—

I move that permission be granted.

Supported by Commissioner Schmidt.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

Police and Fire Board

Lansing Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find a letter from Detective Sergeant Sigmund Wojtysiak, who wishes to be placed on retirement effective

October 5, 1964 It is my recommendation that this request be granted.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Dunn—

I recommend the request be granted.

Supported by Commissioner Maloney.

Carried.

September 8, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached are communications from two members of the Fire Department.

Fireman Basil Michels has notified me that he has made application to "freeze" his pension contributions and will leave the department effective September 13, 1964.

Engineer Robert Gray has submitted his resignation from the department effective August 30, 1964.

I recommend that his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. KEENOY, Chief

By Commissioner Ames—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

September 8, 1964

Members of the Police and Fire Board
Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The following officers have successfully completed the required probationary period:

Officers Paul Yarnell; Larry Townsend; Claude Long; Jack Beeson; Jerry Mills.

All of these men have received satisfactory probationary reports from their command officers. It is, therefore, my recommendation that these officers be confirmed as patrolmen.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Maloney—

I recommend that their appointments as patrolmen be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Ames.

Carried.

September 8, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We recommend the following promotion, effective September 13, 1964, to fill a vacancy that exists in the Fire Department:

Fireman Stephen Malatinsky to Engineer.

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES,
Men and Discipline Committee.

By Commissioner Ames—

I move the report of the Committee be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier gave a report on three members of his department on sick leave; and one member attending a short course in traffic safety on a scholarship at Michigan State University. He also informed the Board the police school for new members was in its second week and was progressing satisfactorily.

Chief Keenoy reported on one member of his department on sick leave, and that the new 100-foot aerial ladder truck had been ordered. He also informed the Board that lot appraisals for a new fire station in the southeast section had been submitted to the City Council.

Civil Defense Director James Holcomb invited the members of the Board to view a 26-minute film of the Bel Air, California, fire after the meeting.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 13, 1964

The Board met in regular session, and was called to order by Chairman Howard V. Shewell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Ames, Johnson, Anderton, Maloney, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn, and Schmidt—8.

Absent: None.

Councilman S. Don Potter also attended the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Jack Dunn gave a report on a meeting recently held between several department heads and members of the Council's Buildings and Properties and Public Safety Committees, on the advisability of establishing and maintaining a new micro-wave system in which all municipal radio equipment would be maintained by our Radio Division. Further, that a tentative location for a base station to be erected would be in the Washington Avenue—Holmes Road area. The estimated cost for the microwave system will be submitted to the City Council in November, so that funds may be appropriated in the 1965-66 Budget.

Comm. Dunn also discussed problems which have arisen in the acquisition of land for the site of the new fire station to be erected on the south side of the city.

A letter of appreciation was received from D. M. Goodlick, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Naval and Marine Corps, for assistance received during the visit of Admiral H. A. Yeager to Lansing.

Received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Iverson and Allin Law Offices in regard to a claim of Dr. Vinnik for payment of services rendered Jack Schineman in January 1958.

Received and placed on file. (This claim was previously denied in February, 1963.)

A letter was received from Mr. Geo. O'Connor, Director of Driver Services State of Michigan, recommending that the Driver License Examining Station change their schedule of hours so that the Bureau would be closed on Saturdays and open Monday from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 P.M.

Comm. Johnson: I move that the request be granted.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

Carried.

Communication in regard to Workmen's Compensation claims for police officers was received from Donald L. Reisig, City Attorney.

Referred to Ways and Means Committee for further study and recommendation.

Comm. Forsythe: I move that the committee be given the power to act in behalf of the Board.

Supported by Comm. Ames.

Carried.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

October 13, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached are resignations of two members of the Fire Department.

Engineer Jack Burris has submitted his resignation to accept another position, effective October 4, 1964.

Inspector Walter Keast has submitted his resignation to enter a business venture, effective October 10, 1964.

I recommend that their resignations be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEENOV,
Chief.

Comm. Anderton: I move that the resignations be accepted.

Supported by Comm. Maloney.

Carried.

October 13, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find the resignation of Patrolman James N. German which was effective September 25, 1964.

It is my recommendation that his resignation be accepted.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

Comm. Dunn: I move that the resignation be accepted.

Supported by Comm. Schmidt.

Carried.

September 14, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Men and Discipline Committee interviewed three applicants for the Fire Department: Gerald L. Smith; Robert L. Manns; and Lynn A. VanderMoere.

We recommend they be appointed to the Fire Department, effective their date of hire.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE,
JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES,
JOHN MALONEY,

Comm. Ames: I move that the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Comm. Johnson.

Carried.

October 13, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Fireman Harold Finney has completed the regular probationary period with the Fire Department.

Reports from his officers indicate that his work has progressed satisfactorily, and he has taken his physical examination.

I recommend that his appointment be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. KEENOV,
Chief.

Comm. Johnson: I move that this man be confirmed.

Supported by Conn. Dunn.
Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

September 14, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We recommend the following promotion in the Fire Alarm Division of the Fire Department, effective September 27, 1964:

Lineman Glenn Daiss to Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarms.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE,
JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES,
JOHN M. MALONEY,

Comm. Anderton: I move the report be adopted.

Supported by Comm. Maloney.
Carried.

October 10, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We recommend the following promotion in the Fire Department to fill a vacancy that exists, effective October 11, 1964: Fireman Joseph Nemeth to Engineer.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE,
JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES.

Comm. Ames: I move that the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Comm. Maloney.
Carried.

October 12, 1964

Police and Fire Commissioners

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

It is the recommendation of your Men and Discipline Committee that the follow-

ing promotions be made within the Police Department, to become effective, October 25, 1964.

Detective Robert Tucker to rank of Detective Sergeant.

Corporals John Fetters, Homer Phelps, William Cochran, and Richard Bos to rank of Detective, to be assigned to the Youth Division.

Patrolmen Robt. Spalding, Keith Getts, Robert Kropf, and Ronald Floyd to rank of Corporal.

MEN AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE,
JAMES F. ANDERTON,
Chairman,

DONALD JOHNSON,
Commissioner,

JOHN AMES,
Commissioner.

Comm. Dunn: I move that the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Comm. Maloney.

Carried.

September 16, 1964

Members of the Police and Fire Board

Gentlemen:

It is the recommendation of your Ways and Means Committee that the salaries of Captain Donald Jackson, Lieutenant Paul Beach, Sergeant Clarion Croy, and Corporal Homer Phelps be increased to the maximum amount within their respective rank classifications.

These officers were promoted effective March 23, 1964, and have served in their ranks for a six month's period; therefore, being eligible for their merit increment raises.

We would also like to point out that these officers are all veterans with the department with from 12 to 24 years service, and we feel they should be paid at the maximum rate for their rank.

The necessary funds are included within the current Police Department budget.

Respectfully submitted,

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE,
DONALD JOHNSON,
JOHN AMES,
JACK K. DUNN.

Comm. Johnson: I move that the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Comm. Dunn.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that Lt. Seegraves has returned to full-time duty; Officer Sinclair has resumed regular duty, and Ptlm. Paul Waters has been released from the hospital and re-scheduled for corrective surgery on his leg.

Chief Stragier also advised that he will be attending the International Association of Chiefs of Police Convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky October 24.

Chief Keenoy reported that he has 4 men on sick leave; however, they are expected to return to duty soon, with the exception of one man who is presently hospitalized.

Chief Keenoy requested permission to attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs to be held in Houston, Texas later this month.

Comm. Ames: I move that permission be granted.

Supported by Comm. Johnson.

Carried.

Chief Keenoy reported on the activities of his department during Fire Prevention Week stating that all store buildings in the city, including the Shopping centers have been inspected. Further, that all the 4th grade classes in the City School System will be visited between now and the first of the year.

Also, that the Eastern and Western Chiefs of Police Association recently held their meeting in Lansing, with 120 members attending.

Chief Stragier reported that the present recruit training school will be completed Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the recruits will be assigned to duty October 15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

YVONNE BROWN,
Secretary of the Board.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 10, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Howard V. Shewell.

October 20, 1964

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Anderton, Maloney, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn, Schmidt—7.

Absent: Commissioner Ames—1.

Commissioner Ames was excused from the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was received from Personnel Director D. J. Bodwin regarding procedures for personnel classification requests for the 1965-1966 budget hearings.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Stragier presented a communication from Personnel Director D. J. Bodwin relative to requested merit increases in salary for four members of the police department. The requests could not be complied with because they represent a departure from the City Classified and Compensation Plan, and the requests conflict with a prior communication addressed to the Board by the Chairman of the City Council Personnel Committee. The Personnel Director is holding the request in abeyance until such time as the Classification and Compensation Plan is amended.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Stragier presented a check from Mr. J. Wm. Couch in the amount of \$25.00 for the Police Relief Association.

Accepted for presentation to the Police Relief Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Dunn gave a brief report on the new fire station site and the new Micro-wave system.

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We recommend that Donald J. Pricco be appointed to the fire department, effective October 25, 1964.

Men and Discipline Committee,

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES.

By Commissioner Anderton—

I move the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Maloney.

Carried.

October 21, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Men and Discipline Committee conducted a hearing regarding written charges against Engineer Robert Nalett for violation of Section 190 of the Fire Department Rules and Regulations.

Engineer Robert Nalett has been assessed the loss of ten consecutive "Kelly" days as a penalty for this violation.

Men and Discipline Committee,

JAMES F. ANDERTON,
DONALD F. JOHNSON,
JOHN A. AMES.

By Commissioner Anderton—

I move that the Committee's action be approved.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

November 3, 1964

Police and Fire Board
Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Apparatus Committee met with Chief Keenoy and Master Mechanic Idus Burgess of the fire department regarding functional damage to the engine of No. 1 Aerial Ladder. This ladder is to be replaced by the new 100 ft. aerial ladder that is now on order and is scheduled for delivery in March of 1965.

The damaged engine can be repaired at an estimated cost of over \$3,000.00 and several days of repair work by members of the Police and Fire Garage. A conservative estimate of time needed to place this apparatus back in service is 40 days, due to the length of time to secure a new block and to rebuild the engine. The apparatus was acquired in October of 1938, and at the present time is being replaced by our 85 ft. aerial ladder from No. 8 Station (our 65 ft. reserve aerial ladder is replacing the 85 ft. aerial ladder at No. 8 Station). Since all other apparatus now is equipped with small lines, the defective water tank on No. 1 Ladder has not been repaired or replaced in anticipation of replacement by the new 100 ft. aerial ladder.

The main function of this apparatus is to supply aerial ladder and accessory equipment for the central area. Master Mechanic Burgess has indicated this is still possible with the ladder truck in its present condition to a range of six or eight blocks. This service would be required only in a sever emergency, and in this case other equipment would be available through local construction groups, adjacent fire departments and civil defense emergency services. Our 85 ft. aerial replacing this 100 ft. aerial in this area will be sufficient for ordinary calls.

The Seagrave Corporation has informed Chief Keenoy, by confirming letter, that delivery cannot be made ahead of schedule although they will make every effort to expedite delivery at the earliest possible date.

We recommend that No. 1 Ladder Truck be kept in limited reserve at No. 1 Station pending the arrival of the new ladder truck, and the 85 ft. aerial ladder be stationed at Central Station to supply protection for the downtown area.

Apparatus Committee,

A. F. SCHMIDT, JR.,
J. M. MALONEY,
C. E. FORSYTHE,

By Commissioner Schmidt—

I move the Committee Report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Forsythe.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that three members of his department were off duty on sick leave. He also gave a report of the recent disturbance at a dance at the Civic Center.

Chief Keenoy reported that five members of his department were off duty on sick leave. He also informed the Board that arrangements were being made to obtain the former Lansing Township fire station on Filley Street for use by the Fire Alarm Division.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 8, 1964

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Howard V. Shewell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Jamieson, Johnson, Maloney, Shewell, Forsythe, Dunn, Schmidt—7.

Absent: Commissioner Anderton—1.

Commissioner Anderton was excused from the meeting. Mayor Bowerman was present also.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Stragier submitted a letter from Lawrence J. Baril, Program Director of Law Enforcement Training, Continuing Education, Michigan State University informing the Board that the Scholarship Committee for the Accident Investigation Course had selected the Lansing Police Department for a \$50.00 scholarship grant provided by the Automobile Club of Michigan. Chief Stragier informed the Board that Officer Curtis had been selected to attend.

Received and placed on file.

November 20, 1964

Commissioner J. K. Dunn, Chairman
Radio Committee, Police and Fire Board
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Dunn:

The possibility of using the building at the corner of Holmes Road and Washington Avenue as a centralized communication center was discussed at our Buildings and Properties Committee meeting November 19.

We wish to advise you we will be glad to consider this change as soon as a location is found for the voting machines now stored in the building.

Sincerely,

LUCILE E. BELEN,
Chairman,
Bldgs. and Properties
Committee.

Received and Placed on file.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

December 8, 1964

Honorable Members

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached you will find a report of Captain Clarissa Young regarding the confirmation of Officer Lynn Fairchild, which I believe is self-explanatory.

It is my recommendation that Officer Fairchild be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES STRAGIER,
Chief of Police.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I move that Officer Fairchild's appointment be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Dunn.

Carried.

December 8, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Fireman Lee Sawdy has served his assessed probationary period.

Reports from his officers indicate that his work has been satisfactory during this period.

I recommend that his appointment to the fire department be confirmed, effective December 21, 1964.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEENOV,
Chief.

By Commissioner Forsythe—

I move that his appointment be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Maloney.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

December 8, 1964

Police and Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

I recommend that Firemen Henry Lecato be promoted to Inspector II in the Fire Prevention Bureau, effective December 7, 1964, to fill a vacancy that exists in this division.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEENOV,
Chief.

By Commissioner Johnson—

I move that Fireman Lecato be promoted to Inspector II in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Supported by Commissioner Maloney.

Carried.

Commissioner Dunn gave a report on the site at South Pennsylvania, lot 19 of

the Midway Plaza that has been purchased by the City Council for a new fire station.

Commissioner Johnson gave a report of the items submitted to the Council Personnel Committee for additional manpower and advancement of ranks. The Board conducted a discussion regarding the need for additional manpower and equipment.

Commissioner Johnson also recommended that the chiefs of both departments consider ordering Portasound equipment for training schools and programs.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Stragier reported that two members of his department were on sick leave; that his officers had completed a command training course and were about to complete a course in First Aid that is a refresher course given every three years.

Chief Keenoy reported that five members of his department were off duty due to sickness, and that the Fire Alarm Division was in the process of moving to their new headquarters on Filley Street.

GENERAL ORDER

Chairman Shewell informed the Board that he was in favor of two Men and Discipline Committee meetings on all cases dealing with personnel where suspensions, penalties and reprimands were involved. He asked the members to take this matter into consideration for possible action in the future.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, December 30, 1964

The Board met in special session and was called to order by Chairman Howard Shewell.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Maloney, Shewell, Jamieson, Dunn, Schmidt—5.

Absent: Commissioners Johnson, Anderson, Forsythe—3.

Chairman Shewell turned the special meeting over to Commissioner Dunn, Chairman of the Special Building and Site Committee.

Commissioner Dunn presented the members present with a list of architects that had been interviewed by his committee containing the cost for services and time availability for the construction of a new fire station. The list included:

Laitala and Nuechterlein Associates

Frank and Stein, Architects

Charles Opdyke Associates

Munson, Mattern and Barber, Inc.

Freeman and Smith Architects

Bruce M. Hartwick and Associates

Manson, Jackson & Kane, Inc.

Clark R. Ackley, Architect

Each member was requested to mark his selection on the list for his personal selection for the architect should the station be the same as No. 2 and No. 10 stations; and for the architect should the station be completely different.

The result of the ballot was unanimous:

Bruce M. Hartwick and Associates should the station be the same as No. 2 and No. 10 stations.

Munson, Mattern and Barber, Inc. should the station be different.

The Board adjourned.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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